CIS BLACK SEA & RUSSIAN GRAIN AND OILSEED MARKETS: PRESENT AND FUTURE

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Причерноморские и российские рынки зерна и масличных: настоящее и будущее

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Structure of presentation

CIS Black Sea and Russia's positioning

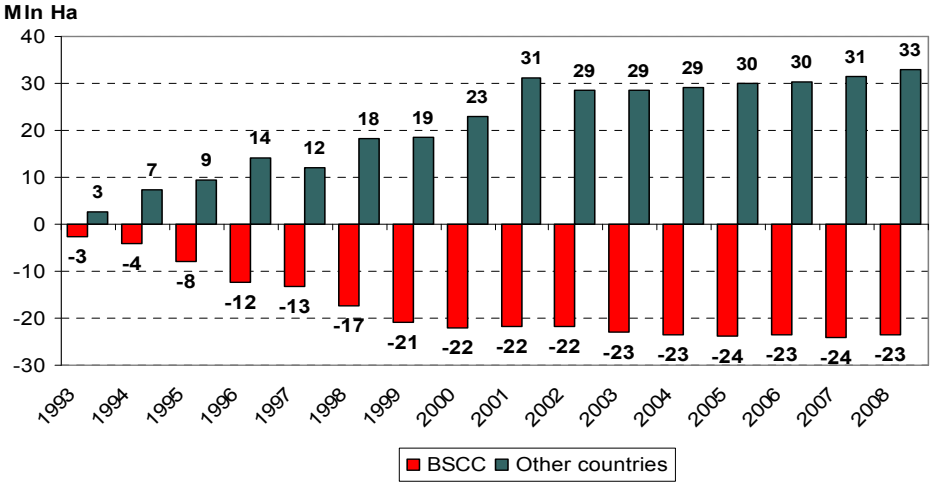
New ag operators (agroholdings)

State support

Infrastructure

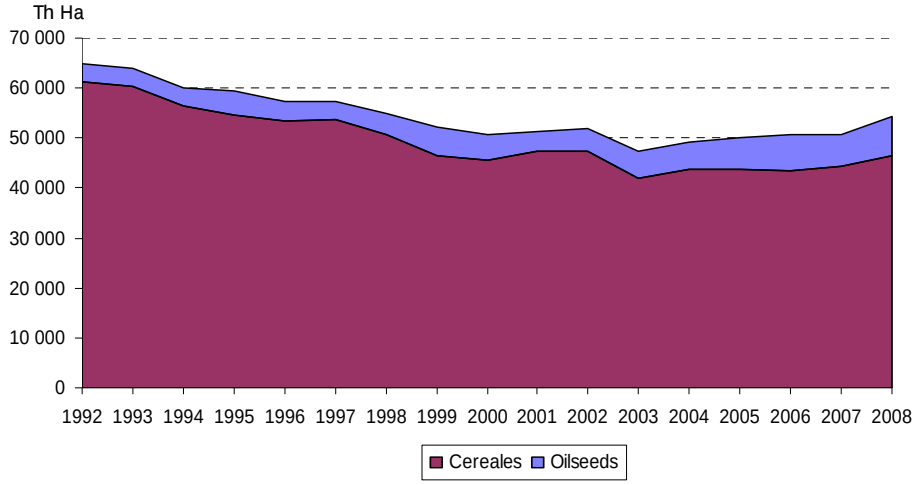
Selected conclusions

Dynamics of arable lands: rest of the world and three Black Sea nations, 1992=100%, MHA



Up until the middle of 2000's the rest of the world has added about 33 MHA, while 3 Black Sea CIS countries have lost about 23 MHA of arable lands…

The dynamics of Black Sea CIS regional grains and oilseeds areas, 1992-2008



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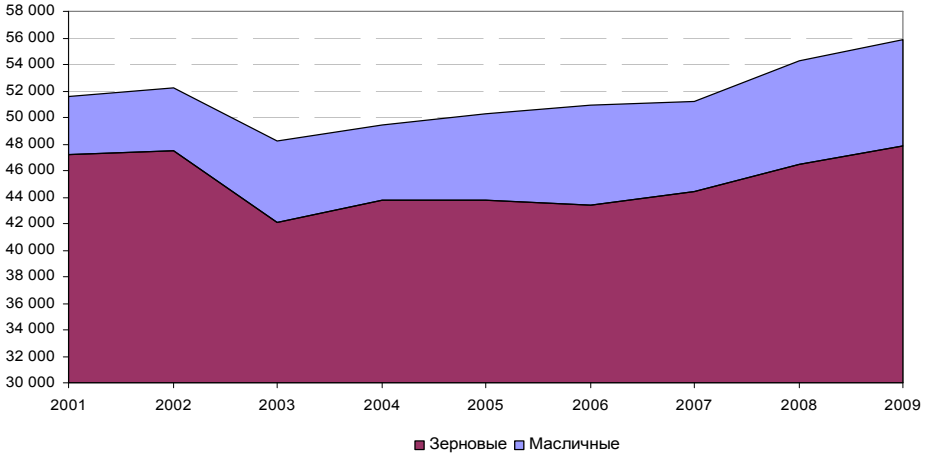

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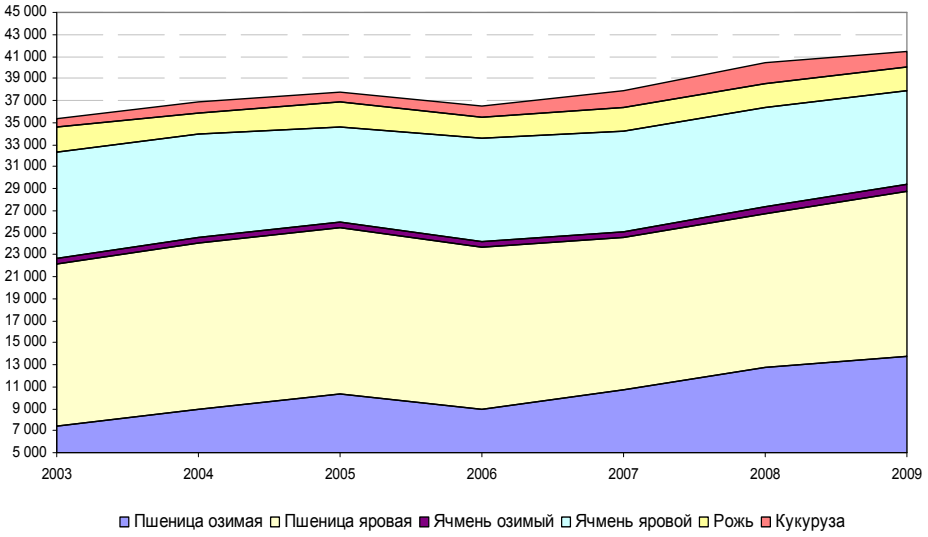

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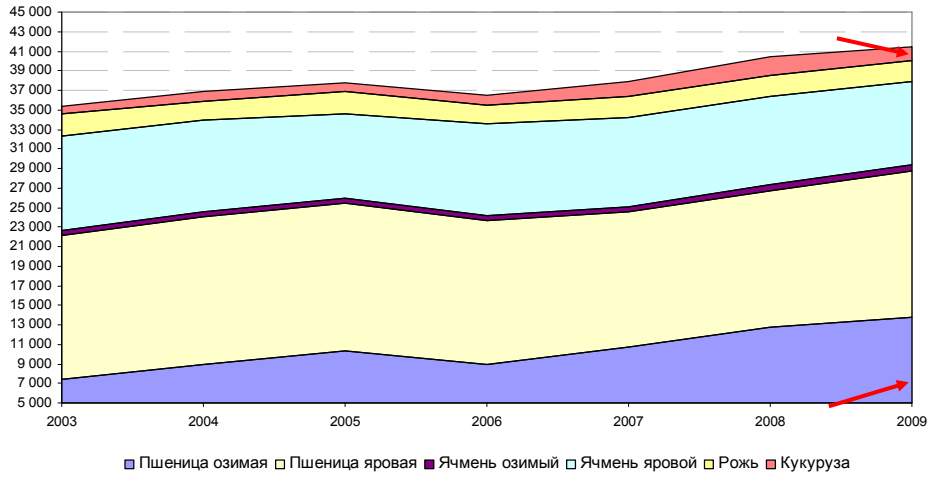
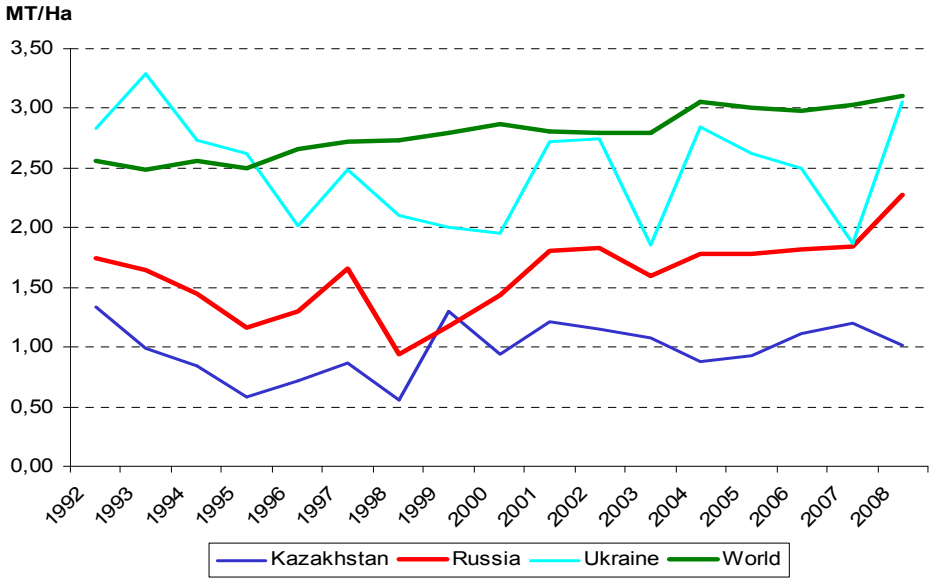
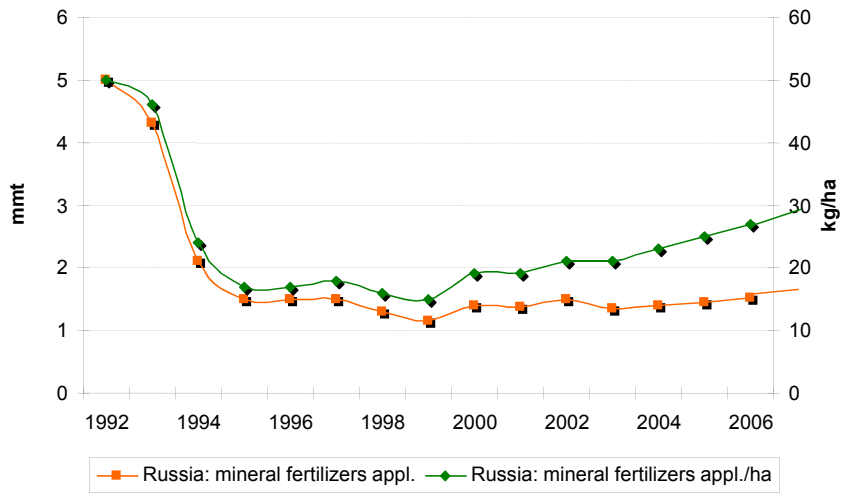


…drifting towards winter wheat and corn

Grain yields: world and Black Sea CIS countries, 1992-2008



Russia: dynamics of fertilizers «delivery»



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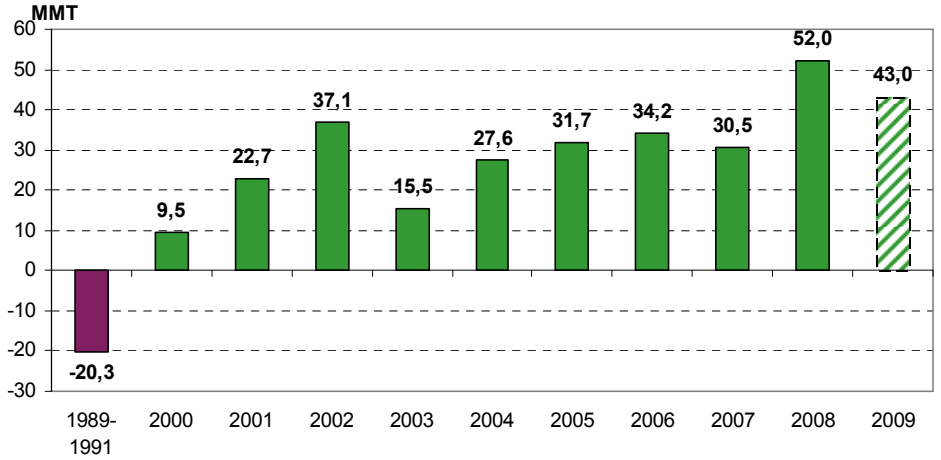

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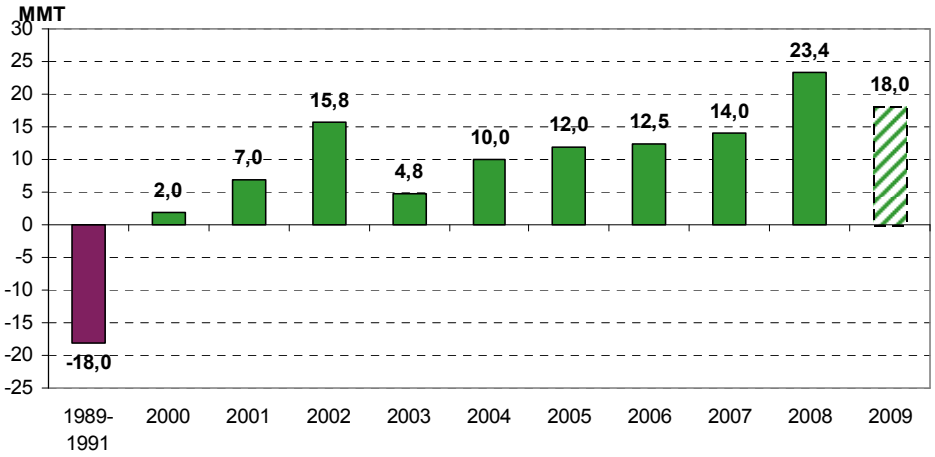

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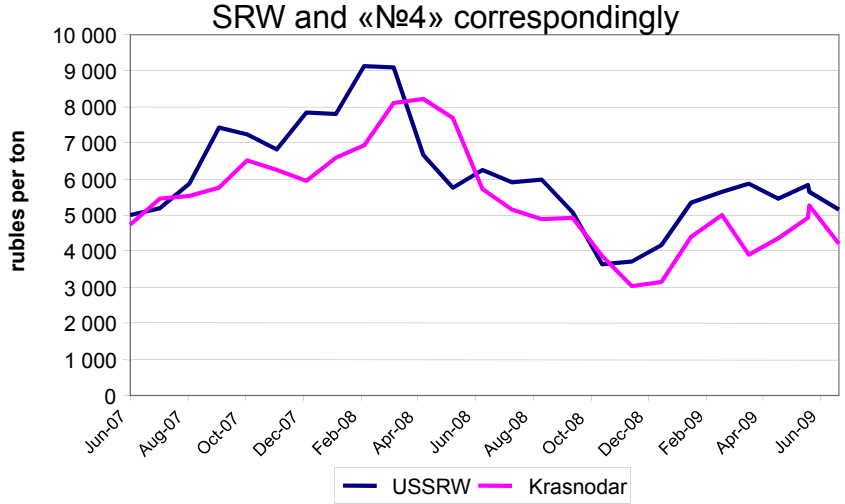
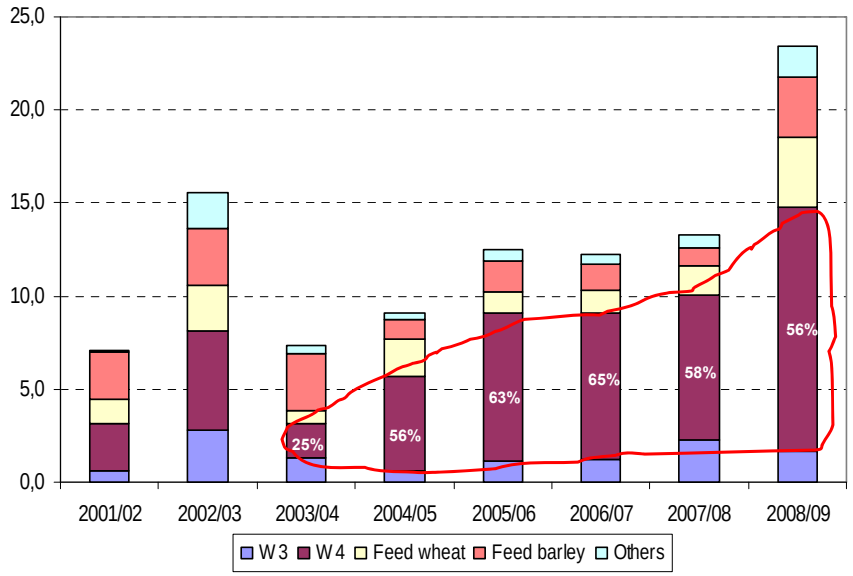
Average price received by farmers, Illinois and Krasnodar, SRW and «№4» correspondingly



We are hughly integrated into the global markets, although farmers in South of Russia are basically discounted during most of the season

Russian grain mix export structure: the issue of «ordinary milling wheat»

Структура российского зернового экспорта



Behind the story: state support and NAOs (new agricultural operators)

Emerging New Agricultural Operators as key regional phenomenon

NAOs: mega-multi farming projects of mostly non-agricultural entities, which have entered primary ag production

Criteria:

- **Active participation in management and control**
- **Investment & Risk sharing (value at risk in agriculture)**

Size and scope of NAO operations up-to-date

From Autumn 1999 (first publication) ongoing monitoring and updates of data base

Summer 2009: more than 200 companies, which have captured about 14 MIO ha of arable land…

Including 34 companies with 100 th. ha and more…

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NAO's/agroholdings: selected examples

Prodimex: biggest sugar processor (400 THA)

Yug Rusi: biggest oilseed crusher (200 THA)

Glencore: biggest domestic grain exporter (100 THA)

AGRO-INVEST: Swedish land investment fund (300 THA)

Fosagro, Akron: Growing farmland portfolio

Bonduel: biggest domestic canned vegetables manufacturer (5 THA)

Case of «Traditional» and «New» farming.

Stavropol, neighboring farms, winter wheat. June, 2008

2.3 tons/ha potential yield

7.0 tons/ha potential yield

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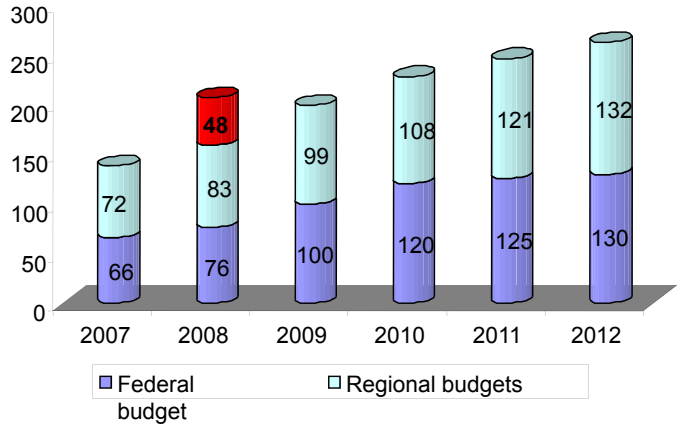
Stavropol, sunseeds, neighboring farms, June, 2008

«Traditional»

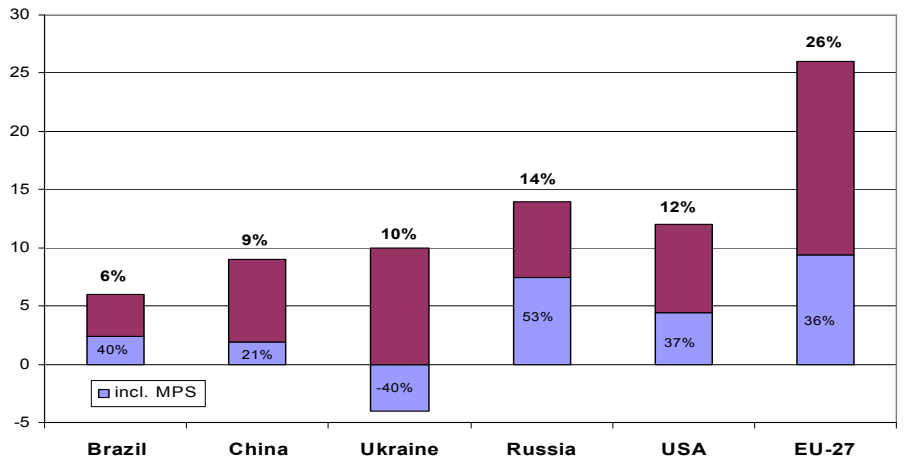
«New»

Agricultural program: state agricultural budget outlays



2009: implementation of rescuing plan for domestic agriculture: record high federal government spending!

Producer subsidy equivalent (PSE) in selected countries, 2005-2007, % of farm output



In 2005-07 Russia has had one of highest PSE and MSP levels!

Source: OECD

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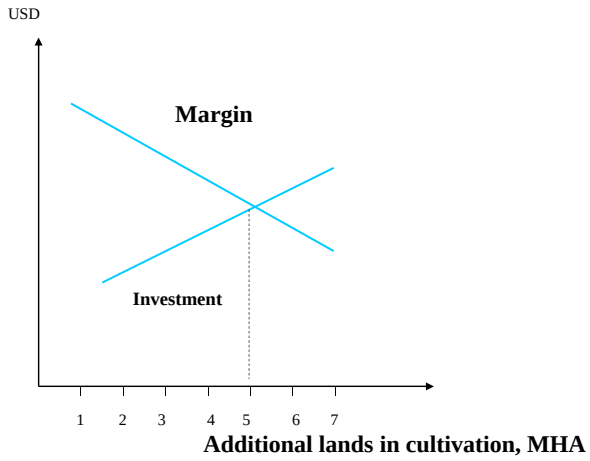
Prospects

Two myths and real issues

Myth No 1. The issue of «Fallow lands»

(picture from Voronezh region Central Black Soil)

«Russian cross», or why – *ceteris paribus* (!) - arable lands increase is unlikely to exceed 5 MHA



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Myth No2. Russia will need much more grains for growing animal protein sector

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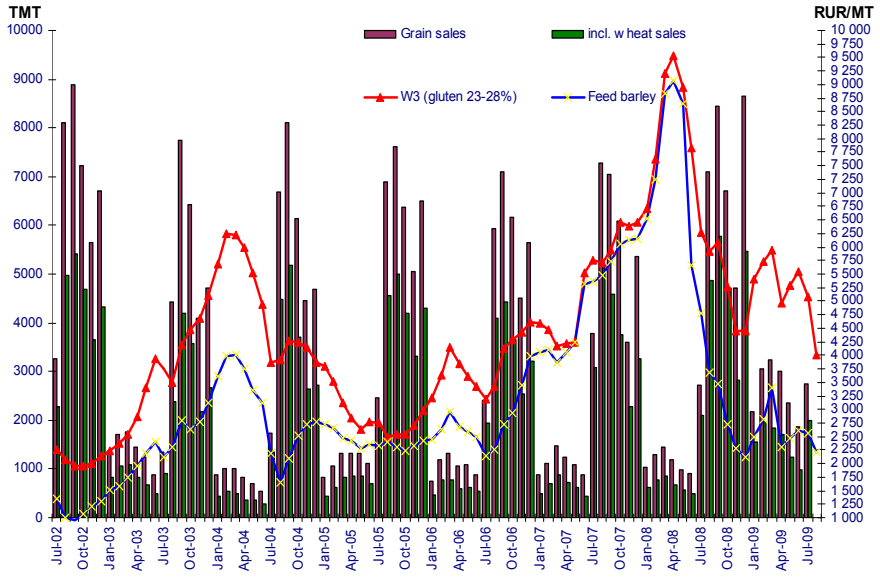
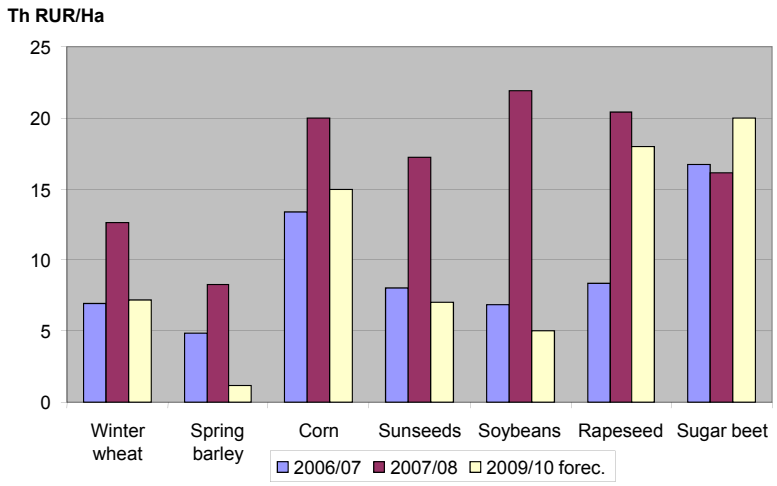
Real issue

Infrastructure: from farm to end users and export destinations

Domestic grain price/shipments «saw»



Real issues. Russian crop margins before, during and after «agflation» Россия: маржа до, во время и после «агфляции»



«preliminary observations» for 2010: wheat is still OK, but shifting interest to oilseeds, row crops, and niche commodities?